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SUBJECT: SWEDEN'S RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER GAERC POINTS

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Classified By: A/DCM Marc Koehler for reasons 1.4 (B) & (D).

¶1. (C) Sweden's EU Correspondent Anna Norell told poloff on November 7 the following regarding the November 10-11 GAERC:

--Syria is not on the agenda.
--There will not be a discussion on Iraq, just the passing of council conclusions as "A items."
--The EU will take a formal decision on the anti-piracy mission in Somalia, but there will not be a discussion.
Sweden is still considering its contribution to the mission.

¶2. (C) Johan Frisell, MFA's Head of the Eastern European Section, told poloff the EU is divided over engaging Russia. The "pro-Russia camp," headed by the French, are pressing for the resumption of normal relations. The other camp, which includes the United Kingdom, Sweden, Denmark, the Baltics, Poland and the Czech Republic, wants to send a strong message to Russia that it will not be "business as usual" if talks are resumed.

¶3. (C) On November 7, Pol Counselor re-raised Iran points with Robert Nyberg and Ulf Samuelsson of the Middle East and North Africa Section. Samuelsson stated that the EU Council draft annexes regarding implementation of UNSCR 1803 on Iran could be "A items" if "language reservations" between French and English drafts and "parliamentary reservations by a member state" are resolved.

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